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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, please amend this application as indicated herein.

## Clean Form of Amended Claims

Please amend claims 1, 17-19, and 21-23 as indicated below (marked-up form is included herewith as Exhibit A):

(Once Amended) An antimicrobial composition consisting essentially of: an 18. antimicrobial component consisting essentially of heptanoic acid, and a carrier medium.

(Once Amended) A method for controlling mastitis in milk producing animals, the method comprising: applying an antimicrobial composition to a teat of an animal wherein the antimicrobial composition comprises in the range of 0.01 to 5 wt. % of a C6-C12 fatty